

Merrick County Board Minutes



October 27, 2015

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Kucera, Kreachbaum, Carlson, Weller, Helgoth, and Wiegert present. County Attorney Homolka was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Moved Kucera, second Graves to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Agenda: Moved Kreachbaum, second Helgoth to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Moved Weller, second Carlson to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting as published. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves, Weller, Kreachaum, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the ground breaking for the 4H Building Project; Carlson attended the phone system meeting for the Sheriff's Office; Graves attended the Senior Center meeting; Kreachbaum attended the Cert meeting at the Fire barn, the awards banquet for 4H; and the Mid Plains meeting in Grand Island; Helgoth attended the Community Service meeting in Loup City and they are changing their name to Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership and Kucera attended the Region III meeting in Kearney.

Official reports: County Attorney told the Board that after talking to Jimmie Graves it was decided it would be better for the builder to carry the insurance on the new 4H Building. Gary Berry gave an update on this office.

Hospital update: Julie Murray gave a brief update on Litzenberg Hospital.

Federated Insurance: Clint Ruether with Federated Insurance did not attend.

Small tract subdivision: Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve and have the Chairman sign the small tract subdivision for Jasson Kuskie/COTC LLC in SE1/4SE1/4 in Section 29, Township 15, Range 6 to separate his home from his business. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2015-23: Moved Moved Kucera, second Weller to have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2015-23 adopting the County Emergency Operation Plan. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTON 2015-23 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

NRI Committee: Russell Kreachbaum was nominated to the Nebraska Regional Operability Network Committee at a previous meeting by the Board and Emergency Manager Tom Smith brought the paperwork for the Chairman to sign. **Public Service Commission audit**: Moved Graves, to refund an overpayment of \$8,050.68 to the 2913-911 Wireless Fund from the Inheritance fund died for lack of second. Moved Kucera, second Weller pending Emergency Manager Tom Smith's finds in regards of whether this needs to be done in one lump sum or if it can be done over a period of time and to handle this decision at the Tuesday, November 10, 2015 Board meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTON 2015-22: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to approve and have the Chairman sign RESOLUTION 2015-22 to have the Treasurer open a separate checking account for the 4H Building Project funds. Roll Call: All Ayes. RESOLUTION 2015-22 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Distress warrants & delinquent tax list: Treasurer Bolte presented the report on the distress warrants and the delinquent tax listing for personal and real estate to the Board.

Pledge securities: Treasurer Bolte presented the pledge securities to the Board.

RESOLUTION 2015-24: Moved Kucera, second Graves to have the Chairman sign and approve RESOLUTION 2015-24 to revise the one year plan to replace the small wooden bridge with culverts (project C61-240 Bridge #710 on "P" Road. RESOLUTION 2015-24 is on file in the County Clerk's Office for public viewing.

Equipment cost report: Highway Superintendent Meyer went over the Equipment Cost Report with the Board. **Annual report of the road, street and highway programs**: Moved Kucera, second Weller, to approve and have the Chairman sign the annual report of the road, street, and highway programs. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Part time cleaning position: Board will advertise for this position.

Bob Husmann came to talk to the Board about water coming from Grand Island.

Hold Harmless Agreement: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adopt the Merrick County Board of Supervisors Event Hold Harmless Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Purchasing Agent Appointment Form 17: Moved Graves, second Carlson to approve the Chairman signing the Purchasing Agent Appointment Form 17 regarding the Merrick County Youth and Agriculture Education Center for Rathman/Manning Corporation. Roll Call: All Ayes.



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Time clocks: Time clocks are in and the Board had some discussion on how to set them up and that the Road Department employees at the shop will use cards to punch in and out and the graders will use cards when they are working at the County Shop and when grading they will call Highway Superintendent Meyer to punch in and out.

Surplus of vehicle: After some discussion this was table until the Tuesday, November 10, 2015 meeting.

Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to go into executive session at 12:28 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to threatened and/or pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Kreachbaum to recess from executive session at 1:42 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

October 2015 payroll: October 2015 payroll: General: Gross: \$110,281.01 Net: \$76,011.92 Roads: Gross: \$46,958.19 Net: \$32,507.43 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$3,206.67 Net: \$2,291.69. Moved Carlson, second Graves to approve the October 2015 payroll. Roll Call: Ayes: Kreachbaum, Graves, Carlson, Wiegert. Weller, Kucera, and Helgoth said Ayes to only the one that they signed.

September 2015 fees: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to approve the September 2015 fees from the Sheriff. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Executive session: Moved Kucera, second Carlson to reconvene into executive session at 1:59 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to threatened and/or pending litigation. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Kucera, second Carlson to come out of executive session at 4:28 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Graves to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk